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For Advancing the

Right Honourable

WILLIAM Lord Dartmouth

To the Dignity of

Viscount Lewisham, in the County of
K E N T.

THOMAS Lord Raby,

Viscount Wentworth, of Wentworth-Wood-
house, and Stainborough, in the County
of Y O R K.

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ROBERT Lord Ferrers,

Viscount Tamworth, in the County of
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count Lewisham, in the County of KENT.

PERPENDENTIBUS Nobisquam Solenne & jucundum
bonis Principibus semper fuerit Viros quosdam Virtute
& Nobilitate praestantes, altioribus honorum gradibus
augere, tam ad remunerandos bene merentes quam ut
aliorum animi ad res pulchre gerendas accendantur;
publicae felicitatis esse ducimus sub haec tempora tales viros extulisse
Rempublicam qui titulo suis decorantes & Corone Nostrae Praesidio
sint & Ornamento. Enitet inter alios per dilectus & perquam fidelis
Consiliarius noster Guillelmus Baro de Dartmouth, his omnibus Majori-
bus quibus tam antiquo quam florenti Reipublicae statu ab Antecessori-
bus Nostris perenni serie praecipua belli pacisque munia demandata
sunt. In His Administrandis ita se gesserunt omnes quasi gentilitium
illis foret, fide & industria, Zelo Religionis & charitate erga
Patriam, Principem pariter atque Rempublicam ex aequo sibi demereri.
Successu his Majoribus annuus Nepos, qui exornans dignitatem
eorum meritis acquisitam, gratiae Nostrae Patriciorum virtutibus
semper faventi se commendavit.

Sciatis, &c.

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ONSIDERING with Ourselves, how usual and pleasant a Thing it has always been to Good Princes, to advance some Men, renowned for their Virtue and Nobility, to higher Degrees of Honour, both to Reward those who have deserv'd Well, and excite the Minds of others to Brave Actions; we think it a Public Happiness for these Times, that the Commonwealth has brought forth such Men, who Honour their Titles, and are both a Safeguard and Ornament to our Imperial Crown. Among these shines forth our Well-beloved, and very Faithful, Councillour, *William Lord Dartmouth*, descended from Ancestors, with whom, for a continued Series, our Royal Predecessors have entrusted the Highest Employments in Peace and War, as well in the most Dangerous, as in the most Flourishing Condition of the State. In the Administration of which they have behav'd themselves so Gloriously, as if it were entail'd upon their Race equally to deserve well for their *Loyalty* and *Industry*, out of a Zeal for Religion, and Love for their Country, their Prince, and the Commonwealth; inflam'd with a Desire of treading in the Steps of such Noble Ancestors, a Grandson succeeded, who, adorning the Honour which was acquir'd by their Merits, has recommended himself to Us, who are always willing to favour and encourage the Virtues of our Nobility.

Now Know ye, &c.

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CUM animo reputaverimus quantum viris vera Nobilitate præditis ad virtutem incitamentum sit, ut recte factorum Memoria Titulorum splendore cohonestetur non potuimus quin perquam Fidelis & Dilecti consilarii Nostri Thomæ Baronis de Raby meritis ea comprobationis Nostræ Testimonia tribueremus, quæ Principis bonorum Fautricis æquitate majorum fide spectatissima illustrium Claritudini, & proprio Ipsius domi forisq; quæsito decori consentanea esse videantur. Recolimus lubenter Ipsius propatruum præclarum Comitem de Straf-fordæ quem Concilio acerrimum, manuq; fortissimum perculerant, & tanquam Regiæ Dignitatis firmissimum Columnæ Avo Nostro Gloriosissime Memoriæ Subdixerunt hominum Nefariorum injustæ Criminationes, sed famæ & immortalis Nominis amplitudini restituit postea Senatus Anglicani vox honorificentissima; cum Decreto Solemni ab illata sine exemplo, & modo quodam inaudito culpa Virum meritis-simam exemerant, atq; ex Actis Publicis eruendum obliterandumq; esse censuerunt quicquid contra Illum tam improbe perpetratum fuit. Hujus Summi Viri cum Proles Mascula extincta fuerit, Volupe tamen erat virtutem in cognata Stirpe reviviscentem videre, ideoq; prædictum Baronem de Raby non tam Sanguine conjunctum, quam simili præstantiæ laudè cumulatam etiam ad eandem Titulorum Dignitatem merito evehendum esse judicavimus: Si enim vel Belli

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WHEN We consider what a great Incitement it is to Men truly Noble to pursue Virtue, that the Memory of their good Actions should be Honoured with the Splendor of Titles, We could not chuse but give those Testimonies of our Approbation to the Merits of our very Faithful and Beloved Counsellor, **Thomas Lord Baby**, which from the Equity of a Prince, who is the Favourer of good Men, might seem agreeable to the Brightness of the approved Loyalty of his Ancestors, and his own peculiar Glory, which he has acquired both at Home and Abroad. We willingly call to Mind his Renowned Great Uncle, the Noble Earl of *Strafford*, who being of a lively Genius in Council, and Courageous in Arms, and as it were the strongest Support to the Royal Dignity of our Grandfather of most Glorious Memory, was taken off by the false and unjust Accusations of Wicked Men, but afterwards restor'd to the Glory and Immortal Nobleness of his Name, by a very Honourable Vote of the *English* Parliament; when by a Solemn Order they acquitted that very deserving Gentleman of the Crime objected to him without President, in a Manner never heard of before, and justly thought that whatever was so injuriously proceeded against him, ought to be erased and obliterated out of the Public Records. Since the Male Issue of that Excellent Man has been extinguish'd, it was pleasing to Us, notwithstanding to see his Virtue revive in One of the same Blood, and therefore, We have thought fit to advance the Lord **Baby**, who is not more allied in Blood, than in like Merit, to the same Dignity of Titles; for if we consider him as One experi-
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~~Pacisve Artibus insignem spectemus tanto honori haudquaquam impar-
 eris existimandus. Ab extrema quasi pueritia Militiae deditus per
 omnes laborum periculorumq; Castrensiū vices eximie fortitudinis
 gloriam adeptus est, & nunc in excelso Locum-tenentis Generalis
 Copiarum nostrarum gradui collocatus ad bellicae rei fastigium facile
 perventurus esse videtur. Hinc vero cum in Civilem lucem illam
 evocaverimus, non minus illic ingenio quam inter Arma manu
 promptum experte sumus. Primo ad Aulam Berolinensem, ipso
 Rege Borussiae deponente, cum Aulegati Nostri Extraordinarii Cha-
 ractere Missus: quo in munere tanta cum laude per aliquot annos
 versatus est, ut amplissimo Legati Nostri Extraordinarii ad eandem
 Regem Titulo insignendum esse diceremus. Destinaveramus etiam
 ad res Nostras in Augustissima Imperatoris Romanorum Aula
 curandas; sed volumus tum reposcente Rege Borussiae Virum &
 Nobis apprime illic utilem, & dicto Principi perquam acceptum alto
 avocare. Cum autem per octo jam annos summa cum fide, &
 egregia agendi dexteritate, cum Nostri tum Committibus Confede-
 ratorum omnium commoda operam feliciter adhibisset; postulabant
 gravissimae rerum temporumq; momenta, atq; ardua Christiani Orbis
 Negotia ut Virum tanta provinciae parem Hagam Comitum trans-
 diceremus. Eum itaq; Legati Nostri Extraordinarii & Plenipo-
 tentiarii Nomine ornatum ad Celsos ac Praepotentes Dominos Ordines
 Generales Uniti Belgii sese conferre iussimus. Quas quidem partes
 per aliquot jam menses plurima cum solertia prudentiaq; obire insti-
 tuit, speciatimq; de mortuo tum Imperatore Romanorum Josepho eas
 protinus rationes usitata cum perspicacia tum dictis Ordinibus Gene-
 ralibus Uniti Belgii invit, quae temporum necessitati maxime aptae,
 & Mentis Nostrae penitus congruere deprehendebantur; adeoque quo
 Regii Nostri favoris Monumentum aliquod insigne habeat, quo an-
 teactae vitae pro Patriae Europaeq; bono praemium, quoq; ad futuram
 gloriae curriculum tanquam stimulum quendam a Nobis accipiat.~~

Sciatis, &c.

enc'd in the Arts of Peace and War, he will be thought by no means undeserving so great an Honour; Bred up a Soldier almost from his very Childhood, he has gain'd the Reputation of an extraordinary Courage through all the Scenes of the Fatigues and Dangers in a Camp; and being now plac'd in the High Station of Lieutenant-General of our Forces, seems to have made an easie Step to the Height of Military Preferment: But since we have call'd him thence to the Management of Affairs of State, we have found him, by Experience, no less ready for his Ability in Civil Employments, than for his Valour in Arms; first, at the Desire of the King of *Prussia* we sent him to the Court of *Berlin* with the Character of our Envoy Extraordinary: In which Employment he behav'd himself for several Years with such Signal Applause, that we thought fit to honour him with the Title of our Ambassador Extraordinary to the same King. We had also determin'd him to take Care of our Affairs in the August Court of the King of the *Romans*; but the King of *Prussia* a second Time requesting his Presence, we were unwilling to call him from thence, where he was so very useful to Us, and peculiarly acceptable to the said Prince. But since, for Eight Years past, he has happily devoted himself to the Common Interest of Us, and all the Confederates, with the utmost Fidelity and Dexterity; the most important Concerns of the Times, and the difficult Affairs of the Christian World, required us to send to the *Hague* a Gentleman so well qualified for so great a Province; wherefore we have order'd him to go to the High and Mighty Lords the States-General, in the Quality of our Ambassador Extraordinary, and Plenipotentiary, which Part he has begun to manage with equal Penetration and Prudence; and especially after the Death of *Joseph*, at that Time Emperor, he entred upon such Measures, according to his usual Sagacity, with the said States-General, as were very Suitable to the Necessity of the Times, and Agreeable to Our Mind: Therefore, that He may enjoy some Monument of Our Royal Favour, as the Reward of a life employ'd for the Good of his Country and all *Europe*, and which may be an Incentive to his future Race of Glory. Now Know ye, &c.

PREAMBLE to the Patent for Advancing the Right Honourable ROBERT Lord Ferrers to the Dignity of Viscount Tamworth, in the County of Stafford.



N U L L A Beneficentia Nostra Gratia materia representari poterit, quam quæ in viris Patriciis splendet Virtus, & Aviti Sanguinis, & Dignitatis sua conscia. Cum Igitur perquam Fidelis & Dilectus Consiliarius Noster ROBERTUS Baro FERRERS de Chartley, ex Antiquissima Familia, & inter Equestres præcipua: Paternum Genus ducens ex Avia vero Nobilissimi Comitis Essexiæ Cohæredæ, Illustræ Eboracensium atque Ferrariorum Sanguinem intra se complexus, Avunculo Nostro Felicis Memoria Regi Carolo Secundo dignus haberetur, cui Sedem, Titulumque tantis Nominibus debitum, & velut inter mortuum, re vindicaret. Nos Decessoris Nostri tam æquo Proposito ulterius faventes, & egregii viri Famam integerrimam, spectatam Fidem, æquabilemque Virtutem intuentes. Hunc in Augustissimo Concessu ubi Consilii Republicæ Salutaribus, vel prævit semper, vel accessit, altiore Titulo Splendore cohonestari volumus. Sciatis, &c.



N OTHING can be a more acceptable Subject of our Royal Favour, than that Virtue which is Conspicuous in Noblemen, and is kept up by a strict Regard to their Blood and Dignity; since therefore our very Faithful and Beloved Councillor, Robert Lord Ferrers of Chartley, descended by the Father's Side from a very Ancient Family, being Chief among those of the Equestrian Order, but by the Grand-mother's Side, who was Co-heiress of the Noble Earl of Essex, uniting in himself the Illustrious Blood of York and Ferrers, was thought Worthy by our Uncle, of Happy Memory, King Charles the Second, to Revive the Seat and Title which was due to such Great Names, and as it were almost Extinct. We farther favouring that Equitable Purpose of our Predecessor, and having Regard to the Unblemish'd Reputation, Approv'd Fidelity, and Steady Virtue, of this Excellent Lord, are willing to Honour him with the Splendor of a Higher Title in our most August House of Peers, where He has always either been the first Proposer or Assenter to the wholesome Councils of the Commonwealth.

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